

## ***Sharing Your Testimony***

**Evangelism is sharing two stories:**

**Your Story: What Jesus has done for you.**

**His Story: What Jesus did for humanity. (The gospel)**

### **I. Your Story**

The personal testimony is the most natural and flexible witnessing tool available to all Christians.

- ❖ It is easy to remember because it is your story.
- ❖ It has a natural authority people respect because it is an **eyewitness account**.
- ❖ It is unarguable; people may have objections to the Bible, **but your story is unarguable**.
- ❖ It takes God out of the distant past or future and **brings Him into the present**.

### **II. Types of Testimonies:**

- A. A salvation testimony is the story of how you became a Christian.
- B. A recovery testimony is the story of how Jesus helped you at a point of need in your life.
- C. An eyewitness testimony is the story of what Jesus did in someone's life, which is similar to the situation the person you are talking to is facing.

### **III. Basic Guidelines**

- A. Keep it true, stick to the truth.
- B. Keep it short (2-3 minutes max.)
- C. Keep the emphasis on what Jesus did for you.
- D. Avoid the use of religious words and phrases the unchurched will not understand.

“I was washed in the blood.”

“God wrecked me with the Holy Ghost.”

“God slayed me with the Holy Spirit.”

“I’m saved, sanctified and fire-baptized.”

“I was chilling with my homies.”

Avoid obscenities.

- E. Be positive and upbeat as you share your story. Don’t “bum them out.”
- F. Don’t be weird.

The last sentence in your testimony is very important.

“Let me tell you how something like this can happen to you.”

#### **IV. Outline of Salvation Testimony**

A. What I was like before I became a Christian:

1.

2.

3.

B. What happened when I trusted Christ?

1.

2.

3.

C. How Christ has changed my life since that day:

1.

2.

3.

### Outline of a Recovery Testimony

A. What situation were you in?

1.

2.

3.

B. How did Jesus move in the situation?

1.

2.

3.

C. What was the result of His action in your life?

1.

2.

3.

D. List the miracles, blessings, answers to prayer and Divine interventions you have experienced in your life.

1.

2.

